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1 The Zika virus — linked to severe birth defects in thousands of babies in Brazil — is spreading "explosively" and could affect as many as 4 million people in the Americas, the World Health Organization said. Director-General Margaret Chan told members of WHO's executive board the spread of the mosquito-borne disease had gone from a mild threat to one of alarming proportions. REUTERS

6 DEAD IN VIRGINIA

2 A Virginia family of six is dead in an apparent murder-suicide after an hours-long standoff with police ended early Thursday, officials said. Police in Chesapeake, Virginia, about 200 miles south of Washington, found five bodies, including the suspected gunman, inside a home shortly after 2 a.m., Chesapeake police said. The incident began when officers were called to check on a different house Wednesday afternoon and discovered a dead body. REUTERS

$38B MARKET VALUE

3 Facebook's market value soared $38 billion in morning trading Thursday, vaulting the company ahead of Amazon after the social network's quarterly results blew away expectations on every key measure. Facebook's stock jumped more than 15 percent to $107.95 after the company reported a blockbuster quarter Wednesday. REUTERS

PSPCA'S ANIMAL CARE

7 Ginger, a six-year-old Beagle mix, stole the show during a presentation announcing an expansion of the PSPCA's Animal Care Network at Monster Pets in South Philadelphia, on Thursday. Monster Pets is the first partner in the new network providing low-cost vaccination and adoptions at their three Philadelphia locations.

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CATHOLIC CHARITY FETUS

4 A human fetus was found in a box outside the office of a Catholic charity on Wednesday, CBS Philly reported. Police reported to a call at 12:07 p.m. at the office on West State Street in Trenton, New Jersey. A note was reportedly included with the fetus, but the contents of that note have not been revealed by investigators. MATT LEE

DISNEYLAND PARIS GUNS

5 A man carrying two handguns and a copy of the Quran was arrested at the Disneyland Paris amusement park outside Paris on Thursday, French officials said. France remains in a state of emergency after Islamist gunmen and suicide bombers killed 130 people in a series of jihadist attacks in and around Paris in November last year. A police source said the 28-year-old man of European origin arrested at Disneyland had been carrying the guns, one of them an automatic handgun, concealed in a bag with the religious text. REUTERS

CHRIS CHRISTIE MOPS

6 Although the snow from Jonas is just starting to finish its final phase of melting, many New Jerseyans remain as ice cold as ever against their governor. So cold is their grudge against the governor for his lack of action during the storm and its subsequent flooding, that there is a GoFundMe campaign to send mops to Chris Christie. MATT LEE

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Constable cleared in girl's fatal shooting, father charged

A Pennsylvania constable who prosecutors say accidentally killed a 12-year-old girl during an eviction while firing in self-defense has been cleared of criminal wrongdoing, but the girl's father has been charged with murder.

Perry County District Attorney Andrew Bender said on Thursday that Constable Clarke Steele was in imminent fear for his life and lawfully fired at Donald Meyer, 57, on Jan. 11 after Steele pointed a loaded, semi-automatic rifle at him from a few feet away.

The .40 caliber bullet tore through Meyer's arm and struck Ciara Meyer, 12, in the chest as she stood behind her father, killing her almost instantly. She was home sick from middle school that day, police said.

"Mr. Meyer's reckless conduct, knowing that his daughter was standing behind him, triggered a chain of events that tragically led to the death of Ciara Meyer," Bender said in a statement Thursday.

Barbara Wevodau, the public defender assigned to Meyer, could not be reached for comment.

Steele was in uniform, evicting Meyer and his wife and daughter from their $660-a-month apartment in Duncannon, about 18 miles northwest of Harrisburg. They owed back rent of $1,452.60 plus penalty fees, according to court records, and knew they were to be evicted that day.

Meyer was initially charged with several assault counts for pointing the semi-automatic rifle at Steele, but on Thursday was also charged with criminal homicide and endangering the welfare of a child in the death of his daughter, plus illegal possession of a firearm.

The latter charge stems from Steele's prior involuntary commitment under the Mental Health Procedures Act, Bender said. In the weeks since the shooting, members of Ciara Meyer's family have publicly forgiven Steele, absolving him of blame for her death, and directed their anger at her father.

After being treated for several days at a local hospital, Meyer has been held without bail in Perry County Prison. REUTERS

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Rodman coming to Wing Bowl

On Twitter, Rodman praised the event for its "women" and "insanity."

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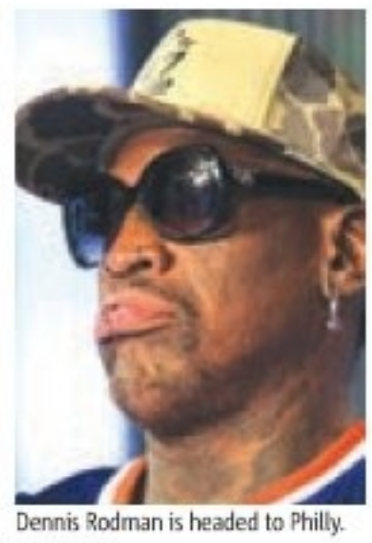

Dennis Rodman is headed to Philly. GETTY IMAGES

The annual local grotesquerie known as Wing Bowl has a new draw this year: former NBA player, and friend of North Korea, Dennis Rodman.

Sportsradio 94WIP, which sponsors the event, announced the special guest on Thursday morning.

Speaking about Rodman's planned attendance, 94WIP host Angelo Cataldi remarked that Rodman was a perfect fit for the yearly fete. Rodman is "politically incorrect like the event itself," Cataldi said. "I'm not sure we've ever had anybody that embodies the Wing Bowl the way we do right now!"

After the announcement, Rodman took to Twitter, musing, "Women, insanity, & @SportsRadioWIP: That's my kind of place!"

Over the past several years, Wing Bowl has become infamous nationwide for scantily clad women traipsing about, attendees getting drunk before dawn and, of course, chicken wings being compulsively eaten — a helter-skelter mosaic of slapdash gluttony.

Philadelphia Daily News columnist Ronnie Polaneczky declared in 2014 that there was nothing more to the event than "gluttony, binge drinking, vomit and half-naked women." Polaneczky attended Wing Bowl in 2014.

"It wasn't fun seeing so many men drunk beyond comprehension by 7 a.m., heads in hands, feet in pools of puke — some of it their own," Polaneczky detailed. "And it wasn't fun being slapped on my ass by a guy who said, 'Lookin' good, babe!' because it will never be fun to be in a place where simply being female implies consent."

The criticism of the event notwithstanding, Wing Bowl has its fans. Each year, thousands pack the Wells Fargo to see the technical main event: the eating competition.

Last year, Chicago's Patrick Bertoletti won the competition, eating 444 wings in 26 minutes. This year, the event is on Feb. 5.

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Man died of OD after SEPTA scuffle: ME

Some of the security footage that should have been recorded had not been released.

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The Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office has ruled that a man who died during an altercation with a SEPTA police officer in October had an accidental fatal drug overdose.

Omar Lopez, 24, was tasered at the Market-Frankford El's Huntingdon station during a late-night scuffle with a SEPTA officer in October, Philly.com reported. Lopez died shortly after the incident.

Lopez accompanied by a SEPTA officer. SEPTA

Jeff Moran, a spokesman for the Medical Examiner's Office, said that his cause of death, though, was an overdose of phencyclidine, or PCP, Philly.com added.

SEPTA provided security camera footage from the night of Lopez's death that shows him walking through the station accompanied by a SEPTA officer, a related Daily Beast article stated, adding that some of the security footage that should have been recorded had not been released.

At the time, SEPTA's account of the incident centered on the officer's claim that he had to use his stun gun to subdue Lopez when the officer intervened after Lopez began arguing with a man outside the station, Philly.com added. Lopez died at Aria Health-Frankford Campus Hospital minutes later.

Lopez was jailed in 2013 for drug possession and had a drug-dealing conviction, according to court documents referenced by Philly.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is a participant in the Moving to Work Demonstration Program (MTW) pursuant to an Amended and Restated Moving to Work Agreement (MTW Agreement) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The MTW Agreement defines the terms and conditions under which PHA is a participant in the MTW Program and requires PHA to submit an MTW Annual Plan for HUD review and approval. PHA's MTW Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 was originally submitted to HUD in January 2015, and approved by HUD in September 2015.

PHA is seeking public review and comments on a proposed amendment to the FY 2016 MTW Annual Plan concerning PHA's plans to convert certain public housing units to project-based assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The units consist of 272 vacant and uninhabitable scattered site public housing units. The proposed amendment provides information required by HUD concerning PHA's RAD conversion plans. The proposed amendment is incorporated in its entirety into the FY2016 MTW Annual Plan through an attachment entitled "Rental Assistance Demonstration Significant Amendment". It is available for public review and downloading on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

Public Housing Management Offices:
Bartram - 5404 Gibson Drive
Raymond Rosen- 2110 N. 23rd St.

Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:
2850 Germantown Ave 1st & 2nd Floor

Scattered Sites Management Offices:
Abbottsford Homes- 3226 McMichael St.
Westpark Apartments- 4445 Holden St.
Spring Garden Apartments - 715 Brandywine St.
Wilson Park- 2500 Jackson St.
Fairhill Apartments- 2411 N. 11th St.

PHA will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment. PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public are invited to attend and provide comments at the Hearing and/or to submit written comments during the public comment period. The Public Hearing is scheduled for the following time and location:

Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
12 South 23rd Street, 6th Floor
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The public comment period begins on January 18, 2016 at noon and ends February 17, 2016 at noon. All comments must be received at PHA's office by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to:

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Development plan for SS United States to be unveiled — in NYC

SS United States SS UNITED STATES CONSERVANCY/FACEBOOK

The long, arduous saga of the SS United States may be drawing to a close — at least here in Philadelphia.

In a press release, the SS United States Conservancy, which has been trying in vain for years to save the ship, said it will host a press conference "to announce that it has signed an option agreement with a major redevelopment partner." The kicker?

The event, slated for the morning of Feb. 4, will be at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal, Pier 88 in New York City.

"At the announcement, an exciting future for the ship will be revealed that envisions the SS United States again as an iconic symbol of America the world over," the conservancy teased. There'll be an artist's rendering of what it may eventually look like wherever it winds up. Still, the news is an auspicious sign that after years of struggling to secure funding or an interested developer here in Philadelphia, lovers of the ship might've found a way for it to survive. Currently, the ship remains docked down near the Ikea and Chick-fil-A on Columbus Boulevard.

Now, the conservancy is staying mum on what exactly is going on, but given that Curbed NY is reporting the news, it seems the writing is on the porthole.

JOSH KRUGER

BRIEF

Second arrest for online terrorist threats

A Delaware County man has been arrested for threatening Chester police officers on social media.

Media resident David Millbourne, 23, was arrested Wednesday on charges of making terrorist threats and harassment, ABC reported. It was the second arrest in two days related to online threats against public organizations in Chester.

His threats were in response to a 17-year-old girl's arrest after she allegedly threatened to commit acts of violence at the Chester-Upland and Chichester School Districts.

Whether or not Millbourne knew the arrested teen is unclear. METRO

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Tremors in Northeast caused by sonic boom, not quake: Agency

People from New Jersey to Connecticut posted on social media and called local police departments to report a series of tremors starting just before 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

A fighter jet from a U.S. Navy base in Maryland may have caused a series of sonic booms on Thursday near the New Jersey coast that prompted hundreds of residents to report earthquake-like tremors.

A spokeswoman for Naval Air Station Patuxent River said an F-35C was conducting routine flight testing over the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday afternoon that may have created sonic booms.

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A SONIC BOOM IS PRODUCED WHEN AN AIRPLANE TRAVELS FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND, OR 768 MILES PER HOUR.

The U.S. Geological Survey, which monitors earthquake activity, said no quake had struck. The agency reported at least nine sonic booms had been recorded over 90 minutes starting at 1:24 p.m. near Hammonton, New Jersey, about 35 miles southeast of Philadelphia.

The sound waves from a sonic boom can hit the Earth and cause shaking, which is sometimes mistaken for an earthquake, according to the USGS.

F-35 Joint Strike Fighter GETTY IMAGES

Two days ago, residents in Charleston, South Carolina, also reported feeling tremors, likely caused by sonic booms from F-18 fighter jets on a training run from a nearby military base, according to media reports.

In New York, seismologists at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University confirmed no earthquake had occurred in the region on Thursday. The observatory measured vibrations and low-frequency sound waves consistent with about eight sonic booms from approximately 1:20 p.m. to 2:40 p.m., said Won-Young Kim, a research professor there.

He said residents on the ground likely would not have heard the booms but would have experienced 15 to 20 seconds of shaking during each one.

The tremors produced numerous emergency calls to local police departments, some of which took to Twitter to ask residents not to flood their lines with more reports.

No serious damage was immediately reported.

Test aircraft from the naval air station fly almost daily along the same route, according to the base's spokeswoman, but most sonic booms are never heard on land. Certain atmospheric conditions, however, can make the sound travel.

Some Twitter users offered a lighthearted response. One person using the handle @VixenRogue quipped: "Aliens are invading New Jersey. What's the best way to let them know the other 49 states are just fine with this?"

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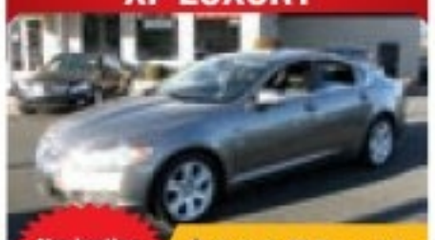
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WATER BOTTLE DONATIONS WILL NOT SAVE FLINT

Recent celebrity and charity donations of water to help address the crisis in Flint, Michigan, aren't sufficient.

By now, you've probably read stories of celebrities and local heroes donating thousands of bottles of clean water to the residents of Flint.

This comes after the national uproar over the city's roughly 100,000 residents being exposed to lead-contaminated drinking water that has disproportionately infected small children, elders and poor communities.

So as a short-term solution, celebrities such as Cher, Pearl Jam, Puff Daddy, Meek Mill and Mark Wahlberg have donated excessive amounts of bottled water.

Small nonprofit coalitions from Philadelphia to Chicago have also chimed in on the efforts and have gotten great press and social media buzz.

If only it were that simple.

Mathematically speaking, Americans use an average of 50 gallons of water a day for standard household living, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

That would equal about 200 bottles of water per person daily (yes, we use that much water to wash dishes, our bodies, clothes, food and more).

With about 102,000 Flint residents, donating 100,000 bottles (which many celebrities have been doing) would give one resident only enough water to wash his or her face once.

In other words, donating water is a small ripple in a huge sea of problems that begs for our attention and activism.

The first question we should all be asking ourselves is: How in the hell could something like this happen in America? Then we should start focusing on whom should be held accountable.

It's no surprise that this would have us looking at the governor's mansion. Republican Gov. Rick Snyder has allowed this human rights crisis to go on for two years without taking any executive action.

A national call for his resignation should be pushed for immediately, and those more concerned about the water rather than the politics behind it should reprioritize.

Water-bottle donation is the low-hanging fruit of a larger issue. This isn't temporary devastation caused by a natural disaster — it's the result of gross negligence by public servants.

Most Americans are treating this issue almost as if Flint were a Third World country, far away from us. "Pray for Flint," someone on my Facebook timeline wrote. "Those poor people must be devastated."

Those "poor people" are fellow Americans who are experiencing something that could happen to any of our communities — especially nonaffluent urban communities.

Let's stop subscribing to the pathetic humanitarian/savior belief that positions us above those less fortunate than us.

We are Flint. Flint is a part of our society. Simply donating water bottles and praying is pandering at the most basic level.

We are capable of raising awareness to a higher degree than simply making this a quantifying measure of service.

Stop wasting plastic bottles and start investing your time in getting restorative justice for Flint residents.

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Occupation simmers as few holdouts surrounded

In the YouTube video, an activist says some occupiers fled so quickly after Bundy's arrest that they left their guns.

"This fight is ours for now in the courts. Please go home."

Ammon Bundy

Police and federal agents sought on Thursday to convince a handful of remaining protesters to abandon their occupation of a U.S. wildlife refuge in Oregon following the shooting death of a comrade and calls from their jailed leader to stand down.

It was not certain how many holdouts were still hunkered down in a cluster of small buildings inside the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in northeast Oregon as of Thursday morning, but in a video posted overnight on YouTube, activist David Fry said he was among five people still there.

Eight more occupiers have left the compound since law enforcement surrounded it after taking protest leader Ammon Bundy and other members of his group into custody on Tuesday evening, the FBI said in a statement.

"The FBI and our partners continue to work around the clock to empty the refuge of the armed occupiers in the safest way possible," the agency said in its statement.

Bundy left the refuge on Tuesday afternoon accompanied by members of his leadership team en route to speak at a community meeting in John Day, Oregon, and was stopped by law enforcement along Highway 395.

Shots were fired and one protester was killed before Bundy and several others were taken into custody. Activists have

Military quality of

Defense Secretary Ash Carter on Thursday announced a series of measures aimed at improving the quality of life for those serving in the U.S. military, including a doubling of maternity leave for most personnel to 12 weeks.

Carter said the all-volunteer military is primarily a married force, and making it more family-friendly and responsive to the changing needs of a new generation would allow it to attract and retain the best talent available.

"We are not Google, we are not Wal-Mart — we are war-fighters. But that doesn't mean we should not be challeng-

Secretary of Defense Ash Carter GETTY IMAGES

ing ourselves just like the private sector to modernize our workplace and workforce," the secretary told re-

A law enforcement checkpoint blocks the road at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns, Oregon on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

identified the slain man as Robert LaVoy Finicum, a rancher who acted as a spokesman for the occupiers. Ammon's brother, Ryan, was wounded in the incident.

Law enforcement officials, citing an investigation, have refused to say what led to the fatal shooting but pleaded with protest members to leave the refuge peacefully.

Following a court appearance in Portland on Wednesday, Ammon Bundy, in a statement read by his attorney, urged the holdouts to stand down, saying he would carry on the fight in the legal system.

"To those remaining at the refuge, I love you. Let us take this fight from here," he said. "Please stand down. Go home and hug your families."

In an audio recording released by Ammon Bundy's attorney on Thursday, Bundy's wife Lisa repeated his message to the protesters remaining at the wildlife refuge.

"I spoke with Ammon's lawyers yesterday and heard from his voice that those were his instructions: he wants people to go home; to go to their families," Lisa Bundy said in the brief recording. REUTERS

life to improve

porters at the Pentagon.

Women make up about 15 percent of the U.S. military, and thousands of women have served alongside men in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But many women leave the military at mid-career phases. Carter said women are "retained at a rate 30 percent lower than men across the services."

He said 52 percent of the enlisted force and 70 percent of officers are married, and there are 84,000 military-to-military marriages.

"What we do to strengthen quality of life for military families today and what we do to demonstrate that we are a family-friendly force to those we want to recruit is absolutely essential to our future strength," Carter said. REUTERS

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Jason Rezaian thanks Kerry in first appearance since release

Rezaian was freed this month in a prisoner swap negotiated between the US and Iran coinciding with the implementation of a deal that curbs Iran's nuclear program, lifting of economic sanctions.

Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian thanked Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday for negotiating his release from an Iranian prison in his first public appearance since leaving Iran nearly two weeks ago.

Rezaian received a standing ovation from foreign dignitaries, journalists and family members at a ceremony for the opening of the Washington Post's new offices in Washington, D.C.

In brief but emotional remarks, he thanked the Washington Post leadership, U.S. officials and his family for advocating on his behalf.

"For much of the 18 months I was in prison, my Iranian interrogators told me that the Washington Post did not exist, that no one knew my plight, and that the United States government would not lift a finger for my release," Rezaian said. "Today I'm here in this room with the very people who helped prove the Iranians wrong in so many ways."

His brother Ali, who had spoken out about his arrest, wife Yeganeh Salehi, also a journalist, and mother Mary, who moved to Iran to be closer to her son, attended, as did Washington Post owner and Amazon.com Inc. founder Jeff Bezos.

Rezaian, who was born in California and holds dual U.S. and Iranian citizenship, was arrested in July 2014 along with Salehi, who is Iranian. She was later freed.

Rezaian's brother and Washington Post executives led the effort to seek his release, urging the Obama administration to press the issue with Iran.

Rezaian highlighted the efforts of Kerry and Brett McGurk, a State Department envoy who conducted secret negotiations with Iran to secure the prisoner deal.

Kerry told attendees Rezaian's detention weighed heavily on U.S. officials. Four other U.S. citizens jailed in Iran were released as part of the swap, which also saw U.S. authorities grant clemency to seven Iranians held in U.S. jails or awaiting trial, mostly on sanctions-related charges. REUTERS

Freed Washington Post Tehran bureau chief Jason Rezaian receives a hug from Secretary of State John Kerry during the inauguration of the Washington Post headquarters on Thursday in Washington, DC. GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

US on high alert for bird flu after Indiana poultry outbreak

In the two weeks since bird flu reappeared in Indiana, U.S. veterinarians have swabbed the mouths of chickens and turkeys across the country, racing to uncover any more infections and contain the virus before it causes mass death and damage like last year.

Biologists also are running tests on feces collected from wild birds, which are suspected of spreading the disease to farms.

The Department of Agriculture confirmed Jan. 15 that a turkey flock in Dubois County, Indiana, was infected with the H7N8 strain of the virus. It was the first new case of bird flu in U.S. poultry flocks since June.

More poultry flocks will likely fall ill in the coming months, veterinarians said, following an unprecedented outbreak last year that caused more than 48 million chickens and turkeys to die from sickness or because they had to be culled to contain the disease.

Anxiety over that risk is fueling vigilance among U.S. poultry producers and government officials looking for signs of infections. Increased testing could help limit the spread if new cases are detected quickly. REUTERS

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Arctic islands seek to charm visitors

A Norwegian chain of Arctic islands is seeking to turn numbing cold and total winter darkness into a draw for visitors who usually only venture north for the midnight sun during fleeting summers.

The focus on winter in the Svalbard archipelago, 750 miles from the North Pole, is part of a drive to attract tourism and environmental research to diversify the economy after a century of dependence on now-failing coal mines.

"We're advertising the exotic side of being in the dark," said Arild Olsen, mayor of Longyearbyen, the main settlement with 2,200 inhabitants. Its winter temperatures are around 14 degrees Fahrenheit.

Winter tourism can include night-time dogsled rides, visits to

Ny-Alesund, Norway GETTY IMAGES

ice caves or cross-country skiing, with guns to protect against polar bears. And the northern lights — flickering colors in the sky generated by charged particles from the sun — are only visible in the dark.

Norway mothballed the main coal mine on Svalbard last year, which had been due to produce 1.9 million tons a year until 2019, after mounting losses. The right-wing government will issue a plan to parliament this spring about the long-term future of the islands.

"Research is definitely part of the solution" for Svalbard, said Unni Steinsmo, head of the board of Kings Bay AS, which runs Ny-Alesund, the world's most northerly permanent nonmilitary settlement.

Ice has been receding fast in the Arctic because of climate change. In Ny-Alesund, scientists from 11 nations including China, India, South Korea, Norway, Germany, France, Britain and Norway have research stations.

Steinsmo told Reuters scientists were carrying out more winter research, such studying how plants and fish adapt to the polar darkness. The fjord by Ny-Alesund has been ice-free in recent winters, making marine research easier, she said. REUTERS

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In "Fifty Shades of Black," Marlon Wayans sends up "Fifty Shades of Grey," but also finds time to skewer "Magic Mike." OPEN ROAD FILMS

Marlon Wayans doesn't hate *'Fifty Shades'*

The star and co-writer of "Fifty Shades of Black" thinks you have to sort of love something to make fun of it.

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Marlon Wayans jokes about the reason he's always working. "My little one — this little spoiled brat — I take him to Nashville. I ask him where he wants to eat. He says, 'Let's go to Mastro's,'" he tells us, referring to the high-end eatery. "If he ever complains, 'Dad, why were you always on the road?' 'Because I had to f—ing pay for Mastro's, you little bastard!'"

Right now, the actor and performer, 43, has "Fifty Shades of Black," a send-up of the "Fifty Shades of Grey" movie. But Wayans, who co-wrote and plays the mysterious Christian Grey analog, swears it's not really a "spoof" — or at least that's not how he and his collaborators approached it.

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I have to confess I don't hate the movie "Fifty Shades of Grey."

I don't hate it. I love-hate it. I think you have to love-hate the movie in order to make fun of it. You have to love and respect what's good about it, and you have to hate what's bad about it. You have to find out what's funny about it, and then deliver it. So I didn't hate it. It looked great. I thought some of the flirting was cute. I didn't like the sex scenes. They were pretty boring.

They're very PG-13.

They're PG. It's like a G. I could see "Kung Fu Panda" doing some of the stuff in that movie. I can see Fiona and Shrek doing something like that. [Laughs] "Come to the red room. I'll get the big whip. I'll use my tail!" "Fifty Shades of Green."

You had to watch the film a lot to make this. I imagine that's like Stockholm syndrome.

It becomes your favorite movie. You watch it over and over and over again, until you throw up in your mouth slightly. When someone mentions the movie you go [gags]. You ever have cake and it's delicious, but you get greedy and have five, six, seven slices? You start hating yourself. And then someone says, "You want some cake?" And the thought of cake makes you almost vomit in your mouth. That's what happens with these [spoof] movies.

Do you think you're even simply making fun of it?

It's not making fun of it. It's a comedic retelling. Honestly if you've never seen "Fifty Shades of Grey" you would still enjoy this movie, because of the characters and the situations. You make these movies like they're original, and you have to make the journey enjoyable whether people have seen them or not. You're doing a comedy. At the end of the day we approached it like a comedy. Not a spoof; a comedy.

...but seriously

Do you see yourself doing drama again, as you did with "Requiem for a Dream"?

I would love to, but you know, there's a line of guys to get those movies before they get to me. When I think something's good or something's for me, I'm fearless about going out and trying to get it. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. In the meantime I do comedy. I want to make people laugh or make people cry laughing. Drama, I have that skill set, I've studied Shakespeare. But it's low-hanging fruit. You do what you can do and what I feel I'm purposed to do, which is to make people laugh.

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Charlie Puth wrote most of 'Nine Track Mind' from his lawyer's house

Charlie Puth is a very productive roommate. CATIE LAFFOON

And that's nothing compared to what he and Selena Gomez did in the closet.

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Charlie Puth knows exactly what he'd like to wear to this year's Grammy Awards. The 24-year-old singer-songwriter is up for three awards for his "Fast & Furious 7" single, "See You Again" with Wiz Khalifa, and he'd love to wear a dark green Saint Laurent suit. But don't ask him what he plans to say if he wins.

"I don't want to jinx it," he says. "I just have a couple bullet points. I'll thank Wiz, first and foremost, and I'll thank Paul [Walker] and Vin Diesel for including me in the film, and my mom."

Puth's Meghan Trainor duet "Marvin Gaye" — a cleverly coquettish hook that utilizes the soul singer's name as a verb — and subsequent follow-ups ("One Call Away,"

"Nothing But Trouble" with Lil Wayne) teased what type of album might be expected from the Berklee grad, but it was not until today that we knew for sure. We caught up with Puth from Washington, D.C., where he's on a rigorous promo schedule ahead of the release of his long-awaited studio debut, "Nine Track Mind," from Atlantic.

Where were you when you found out about the Grammy nominations?
I was coming back from London, in the air with no Wi-Fi, and then immediately got a sea of texts. Like 600 of them, saying congratulations. It was totally surreal.

I've read that you're a self-proclaimed "music nerd," but what do you really like to geek out to?
I love pretty much everything, but I like to break down the production in music. I like to listen really closely to try to figure out what type of reverb is on John Mayer's "Clarity," or I like to breakdown the chord structures of songs.

Where did you write this album?
This is going to sound really strange, but I spent most of the time writing in my lawyer's house. I had to move out of my apartment because I simply didn't want to live there anymore, and my lawyer and I are really good friends and it's convenient that he's also an awesome attorney. I had a writing session in an AirBnB and it was on a cliff, and I just didn't like the vibe. I got freaked out. So I went to his house and had a writing session and didn't leave for like six months. I did the whole album there.

You're like the roommate that never leaves.
I literally had Selena Gomez come over and record in one of the closets because we didn't have a vocal booth set up.

How were the acoustics?
It was good. We just had to put in a lot sweaters to diminish the reverb.

How did "We Don't Talk Anymore" come to be?
I met Selena at an after party after the MTV Video Music Awards and we were talking about something and in the back of my head, I was thinking, 'I'd like to do a song with her some day.' She has a really cool voice and I think our voices complement each other really well. I didn't think this was going to be the song for her, or for me.

As for lyrical sentiment, I think it fits so well for her to be on [the song] because everyone knows what she went through. And I think everyone has had those relationships where you're obsessed with that one person, but then you break it off peacefully, but it's changed. You can't talk to them like friends anymore. You can say you want to remain friends, but it's easier said than done. It's heartbreaking. "We Don't Talk Anymore" is basically the conversation a month after that type of breakup.

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Pay attention to these up-and-comers in the Philly music scene.

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Pill Friends PROVIDED

Vita and the Woolf COLIN KERRIGAN

You've heard it time and time again: Philly is killing the music game right now. But there's more to the current landscape than The War on Drugs, Meek Mill and Kurt Vile (no hard feelings, guys — we love you lots). And we understand that it gets a little overwhelming to keep up with every new crop of bands. So to minimize on the anxiety that comes with music-FOMO, here's a starter kit on five local acts to keep your ear on.

Kississippi

If imminent ruin is your cup of tea, Kississippi's November-released EP "We Have No Future, We're All Doomed" is the ultimate crash course in vulnerability. The duo of Zoë Allaire Reynolds and Colin James Kupson came together after meeting on Tinder in 2014, following the release of the EP "I Can Still Feel You In My Hair" — Reynolds' first under the Kississippi moniker. On the group's initial foray as a twosome, Kississippi hit the studio with Modern Baseball's Jake Ewald at the helm to produce "We Have No Future," a six-track indie-pop EP that softens anxieties into a dreamy mirage where the only solace is in Reynolds' folk-y vocals and Kupson's

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Pill Friends

On their new album, "Child Sacrifice," out early February, Pill Friends have track names like "Murder Me" and "Worthless." Not as intense as nomenclature would have it, the songs are quiet hits of jangly garage rock with surprisingly sweet synth lines and harmonies, a lo-fi rush of blood to the head complete with stream of consciousness, sing-songy vocals.

Vita and the Woolf

Florence and the Machine have some competition. Jennifer Pague's thundering vocals soar above chaotic drumming on the 2014 EP opener "Mary" and her piano arrangements alternate between driving and twinkling — sort of like Regina Spektor. As alluded to on Facebook, 2016 holds promise for Vita and the Woolf. An album, perhaps?

Tunji Ige

Tunji Ige may be only 20 years old, but his debut mixtape, "The Love Project," self-released last December, screams maturity. Self-produced in the basement of his dorm at West Chester University, Ige mixes compelling production and confident rhymes, always giving a nod to his roots. On new single "Handstand," Ige lays the swagger on thick and leaves us wanting more — his next project is completed, though no word yet on release date.

Jesse Hale Moore

Jesse Hale Moore has nailed the sexy slow-jam aesthetic. Like a love child between Michael Bolton and a gospel choir, Moore's soulful R&B vocal stylings and piano-driven instrumentation could've soundtracked any '80s rom-com — only the most intense scenes though. He's only got two singles out so far, but he's working on his debut release now.

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There's a dating app out there for you. ISTOCK

No app is perfect. As a digital dating expert, I hear all the gripes. "My matches on Tinder are lame," one client told me. Another said, "I match with a lot of people, but no one writes me back."

If you're stuck on swiping, it could be that the app you're on isn't your perfect match. Here are the three biggest complaints I hear, and three expert-approved apps to quiet your grumblings.

Problem: You're getting a million messages, but they're not from the right matches, and the ones you do like never respond or meet up.
Solution: Bumble puts women in control — they make the first move. Because of this, the quality of matches and conversation on Bumble is much higher than the average app. My female clients love that they're not bombarded with cheesy pickup lines, while my male clients appreciate that they don't have to come up with a witty opener. This app also wins the unofficial award for hottest guys — at least as far as today's swipes go.

Problem: You're going on dates, but they're all lame.
Solution: Coffee Meets Bagel lets you filter matches by your deal breakers, like height and religion, so the quality of potential dates is instantly higher. It also helps you avoid decision overload by giving you only one match each day. You can pay for a few more if you want, but you won't be swiping endlessly.

Problem: You dream of meeting someone through friends, like in your favorite rom-com.
Solution: Hinge feels like one big cocktail party because it only matches you with friends of friends. There's more social accountability because you and your match have someone in common and could get the inside scoop on the other if needed. Also, matches are timed. You have 14 days to get offline for a date, meaning you can't endlessly message each other on the app without meeting.

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Jack Black's Po finds that he has a dad, and he's voiced by Bryan Cranston, in "Kung Fu Panda 3." DREAMWORKS ANIMATION

'Kung Fu Panda 3'

Director: Jennifer Yuh Nelson, Alessandro Carloni
Voices of: Jack Black, Bryan Cranston
Rating: PG

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The three "Kung Fu Panda" films are powerfully forgettable, but they're also handsomely made, extremely pretty, elegantly designed and funny exactly when they need to be. And they're short: negligible stories that are distracting enough, like the movie series of the '30s — your "Thin Man"s, your Andy Hardy movies — which rewarded devoted viewers by cranking out entries that were reliably similar but different. If they weren't such a smooth balance of multiple elements, or if they took themselves at all seriously, there'd be reason to complain. But you won't, in part because they'll slip out of your mind the second they end.

One can even forgive that they're cookie-cutter. Slovenly porcine panda Po (voice of Jack Black) realizes — once again — that he's actually an unstoppable martial arts god in a doughy body and with a knack for Jack Blackish giggling. Here he meets his long-lost dad (Bryan Cranston), who in turn introduces him to a mystery society of pandas. In more routine terms, there's another supervillain — an evil spirit voiced indiscriminately by J.K. Simmons — who has emerged from the "spirit realm" and is set on imprisoning all kung fu masters and absorbing their powers in yet another bid for world domination.

Who cares if this is forgettable? The colors are riots of neon green and hypnotic swirling clouds. The spirit realm is a fantastical place, free of earthly constraints, but even the "mortal world" is bright and retina-searing. It has homilies — ever-cryptic tiny panda Master Shifu (Dustin Hoffman) tells Po he's "trying to turn you into you" — but not so many that it weighs down the picture. It has a decent stretch where Po and dad act more like rascally siblings a la "Step Brothers," plus a climax on loan from "The Magnificent Seven" (or at least "Three Amigos!"). There's a nifty sequence where a backstory is told in abstract animation — though this trick, seen in "Krampus," "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" and even back in the 1978 film of "Watership Down," is by now a bit of a cliche. It's a fine, sturdy outing. Prepare to fire up the Wikipedia entry right before "Kung Fu Panda 4" to remind yourself you saw it at all. MATT PRIGGE

Casey Affleck is the most interesting part of "The Finest Hours." CLAIRE FOLGER

'The Finest Hours'

Director: Craig Gillespie
Stars: Chris Pine, Casey Affleck
Rating: PG-13

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The Disney-funded "The Finest Hours" is a mixed bag — a movie that wants to be both a paean to the triumph of the human spirit but also unbearably tough and dirty. It tells of the storied, improbable rescue of two oil tankers caught up in a wicked nor'easter off of Cape Cod. It has a corny prologue, people screeching things like "Jesus, Mary and Joseph!" and "Not on my watch!" plus a sad-sack hero — a lowly Coast Guard runt played by Chris Pine, who sets sail to save those in harm's way — we know is weak because his fiancee, Miriam (Holliday Grainger), proposed to him, not the other way around.

On the other hand, Miriam is portrayed as headstrong, and the script doesn't forget about her even when delivering the main attraction: manly men being pummelled inside a wave pool studio. It's about the process of staying alive via problem solving, a la "Apollo 13" and "The Martian." It even goes light on sentimentality. After all, its characters are too busy with the gruntwork of survival to worry about whether viewers are getting much in the way of feels.

Scenes of crazy plans being hatched are the best parts of "The Finest Hours," in part because it gives us Casey Affleck. A technician and resident cucumber-cool brainiac, his Ray is not just the crews' savior but is played by the only performer doing anything interesting. Introspective and prone to mumbling, the still superior Affleck helps occasionally ground a movie that's all over the place. As a piece of 3-D maximalism, it's too monotonous; one shot of rain beating down on various-sized boats is like any other. But sometimes the movie's right on, portraying hardships with appropriate grit and grime. And at the least, it often doesn't feel like a Disney film. MP

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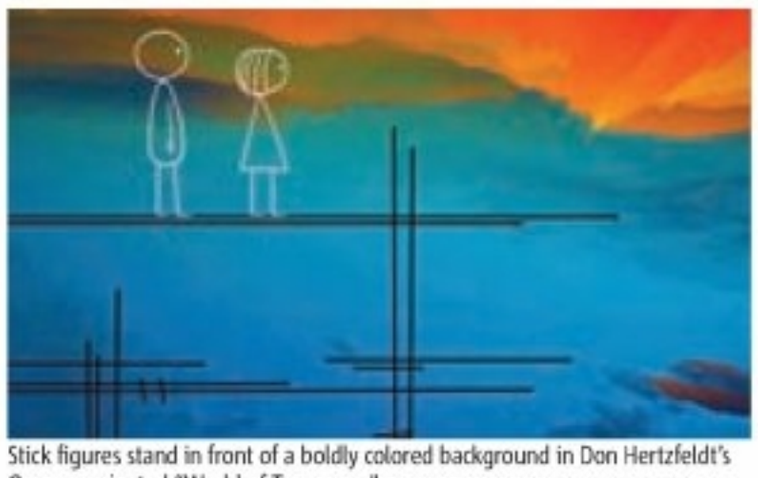

Stick figures stand in front of a boldly colored background in Don Hertzfeldt's Oscar-nominated "World of Tomorrow." WORLD OF TOMORROW

A little girl winds up with her troubled father in the German/ Austrian "Everything Will Be Okay." EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY

Need a leg up on your Oscar pool? Try taking in the 10 shorts nominated for the animated and live action categories at this year's Academy Awards, which will screen at the Ritz at the Bourse.

Animated Shorts

Let's cut to the chase: The title that should win this Oscar is "World of Tomorrow," Don Hertzfeldt's wildly clever rhapsody for a very grim future indeed. Equal parts bottomlessly depressing and laugh-out-loud hilarious, it's also gorgeous, even though it's nothing but stick figures yapping in front of bold color backgrounds.

No other short comes close, though it would be fine if the trophy went (as it likely will) to Pixar's "Sanjay's Super Team," also funny and moving, although you may have seen it, since it played before "Inside Out."

This year's crop is a fairly heavy lot. "Bear Story," from Chile, deals with trauma; the cosmonaut-centric "We Can't Live Without Cosmos" with friendship put to the test; and Richard Williams' very bloody "Prologue" with humans' inhumanity during war.

Live Action Shorts

The animation wing of the Oscars favors versatility and expression. The live action portion prefers a specific type of film: maudlin tales, usually with a twist. "Shok" is the most typical of these (read: mark it on your Oscar party ballot), relating Serbian and Albanian strife from the child's-eye view — "Fox and the Hound," but with kids getting guns put to their heads.

More noble is "Ave Maria," another clash of cultures — this one more prone to gallows humor — with Palestinians forced to team up with nuns to solve a relatively mundane problem. More thumb-twiddling is "Day One," about a fresh-fish interpreter new to a war zone. The English "Stutterer" is at least a good calling card for its director.

Some years these wan entries are all we get. Occasionally there's a treat. In 2013 it was the quietly intense "Just Before Losing Everything." This year it's the quietly intense "Everything Will Be Okay,"which follows as a father (Simon Schwarz) tries to spirit away his young daughter from his ex — a nail-biter told calmly, observantly and without judgment. MATT PRIGGE

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76ers' Noel, Okafor owe large part of success to Smith

The two big men will hit the national stage during All-Star Weekend.

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The Sixers' improved play as of late has been encouraging to fans of the team. They've now won six of their past 16 games which is miles ahead of their 1-30 start to the season.

Since his return to Philadelphia on Christmas Eve, Ish Smith (15.9 points, 8.1 assists, 1.3 steals) has given a spark to the team offensively which has greatly influenced both Nerlens Noel and Jahlil Okafor's numbers across the board.

On Tuesday, both Noel and Okafor were selected to play in the BBVA Compass Rising Stars Challenge for Team USA, consisting of the 10 top first- or second-year players from the United States, against Team World, consisting of the 10 top first- or second-year international players.

"On behalf of the entire Sixers organization, we are proud that Nerlens and Jahlil were recognized for their talent, hard work and commitment to their craft," Sixers general manager Sam Hinkie said. "This is a recognition both for them and their families, who have sacrificed and supported Nerlens and Jahlil during every step of their basketball journeys."

Noel, who participated in last season's Rising Stars Challenge, is averaging 10.8 points, 8.3 rebounds, 1.6 blocks and 1.6 steals this season. His 52.7 field goal percentage ranks ninth in the NBA.

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Okafor is one of the NBA's best offensive rookies, leading his class with 17.4 points per game. After hovering around 45 percent shooting for the first half of the season, Okafor has been on a tear in 2016 where he's shooting nearly 60 percent from the field.

Their play speaks for itself, but it wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the return of Smith. Coach Brett Brown said it best earlier in the season.

"I think we have such a young team that [Smith's] personality pairs up with their youthful spirit a lot," Brown said. "He can get those guys wound up, and they follow his charisma. He's got big energy. He's got bounce."

The Rising Stars Challenge will be a good time for both Noel and Okafor to showcase their talent on a national and now international level.

The game will take place in Toronto on Feb. 12 at 9 p.m. on TNT.

The jury is still out on whether twin towers Okafor and Noel will both be Sixers come the end of February. GETTY IMAGES

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Brandon Graham, the 2010 13th overall pick, will be a big part of the Eagles defense next season. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Can Eagles get lucky picking No. 13 in draft?

Here's a look at some memorable picks at No. 13 as the Eagles consider their first-round options.

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The Eagles pick 13th in the NFL draft this spring, and will likely be targeting an offensive lineman — or possibly a quarterback.

It's excruciatingly hard to accurately access draft value until the pick is firmly in the rearview and the player's body of work is together to evaluate.

Twice the Eagles had pick 13, and both times the pick was solid — in 2010 the Birds took Brandon Graham, who will be a key member of Philly's front seven next season and in 1988 they took Keith Jackson, a tight end who won NFC Rookie of the Year.

History shows the pick has not had too many home runs but has yielded a few solid football players. Here's a look at five other memorable times where No. 13 was lucky (or unlucky) for NFL teams:

Tony Gonzalez, 1997 Chiefs:

Gonzalez is arguably the best tight end in football history, playing in 14 Pro Bowls and being selected All-Pro 10 times. He is the only tight end to catch over 1,000 passes and is fifth all-time in NFL receiving yards. He only recently retired, in 2013, and is a shoe-in to be a first-ballot Hall of Famer. He's by far the top No. 13 in NFL history.

Eric Metcalf, 1989 Browns:

Metcalf was an offensive jack-of-all-trades during 12 seasons in the NFL. He was a three-time Pro Bowler and All-Pro and scored 12 return touchdowns. He is the third most successful return man in history behind Devin Hester and Brian Mitchell, and was able to accumulate 2,392 rushing yards and 5,572 receiving yards.

Recent 13th picks have been solid

The 13th pick has been particularly fruitful, with the three of the last four picks turning out to be very valuable assets:

2015: Andrus Pete, OT, Saints
2014: Aaron Donald, DT, Rams
2013: Sheldon Richardson, DT Jets
2012: Michael Floyd, WR, Cardinals

John Abraham, 2000 Jets:

The 15-year veteran defensive tackle played most recently for the Cardinals in 2014, but was best known as a potent pass rusher as a member of the Jets and Falcons. He also had an eye for the ball, causing 46 fumbles in addition to 133.5 sacks. He made five Pro Bowls and is one of just 25 men to have more than 100 career sacks.

Takeo Spikes, 1998 Bengals:

Spikes is another player Eagles fans know well, as he was with the team in 2007. Spikes started with Cincinnati but really broke through as a Bill, making Pro Bowls and All-Pro teams in 2003 and 2004. He finished his career with 1,423 tackles, 29 sacks, 19 interceptions and 15 forced fumbles as a feared linebacker who played for five different teams. Spikes is one of only seven linebackers to accumulate more than 200 career starts with the NFL.

Donté Stallworth, 2002 Saints:

Eagles fans remember him as the "replacement" for Terrell Owens after the Birds acquired the wideout in exchange for Mark Simoneau and a fourth round pick. He had 725 receiving yards in one season with the Birds before playing for Patriots, Browns, Ravens, Redskins, Patriots again and Redskins again. He was at his best during his first four seasons in New Orleans.

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The Phillies' young talent actually wants to play for this city. Now all they have to do is perform. GETTY IMAGES

Phillies pitching prospect Jake Thompson couldn't have articulated it better.

"Hopefully it's a younger, winning culture."

That's not a knock on the teams of the past. It's a sign that the Phillies are ready to reinvent themselves in the image of the 2008 World Series champions, who came up together in the minor leagues to become the best team in baseball. The 2016 Phillies are a long way from being champions. But at least there's a future to contemplate.

"When you are a younger player you have to stay hungry," 24-year-old pitching prospect Jimmy Cordero said. "If you see one jump high, you say, 'Why not jump high too?' Everybody is going to have to play at the maximum level. Every time you see a guy moving up it makes you want to go up too. It's very exciting for me. It's important for us to be together and to go up together."

They aren't names that casual baseball fans would know. Aside from perhaps J.P. Crawford (the No. 2 shortstop prospect in baseball), Maikel Franco and Aaron Nola.

But Mark Appel, Nick Williams, Zach Eflin, Darnell Sweeney and Jorge Alfaro along with a slew of others could become household names in a few short years.

These players do have one large thing in common that differs from Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins, Cole Hamels when they were prospects: None of them are Phillies' draft picks. Four of the Phillies' top-five prospects were not Phils' signings. They were all acquired directly for one of those players mentioned above (or for another recently traded away Philadelphia player).

And Philly is a lot different than Houston, Arlington, Toronto or any of the other cities these players were initially expecting to make their careers in.

"I definitely can already tell, just by the turn out from the media that it's more of a sports town," Appel, who came from the Astros in exchange for Ken Giles, said. "These teams have been here for so long, each team has a storied past, has won championships, the expectations are very high."

With everyone around the same age and working to make the big league roster together, there's a sense of family already in the farm system. And with players who want to be here, the fans will soon share that connection.

"Philly's awesome. I love it," Alec Asher, a young pitcher who made his MLB debut with the team in 2015, said. "I wouldn't say I gave them the best thing to root for, I did struggle a little bit but they were very supportive and they've been nothing but great so far."

There will need to be some patience, after all it's a trial-and-error process. But the Phillies, after signing a former Google analytics expert to the front office this week, continue to show they can evolve and intend to be an elite organization.

"It's a different market," Thompson said. "I feel the Northeast in general is very diehard, they believe in what they believe in and love their sports."

"If they boo you off the field they will have your back the next game." Jake Thompson

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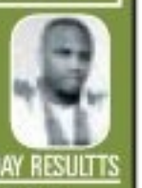

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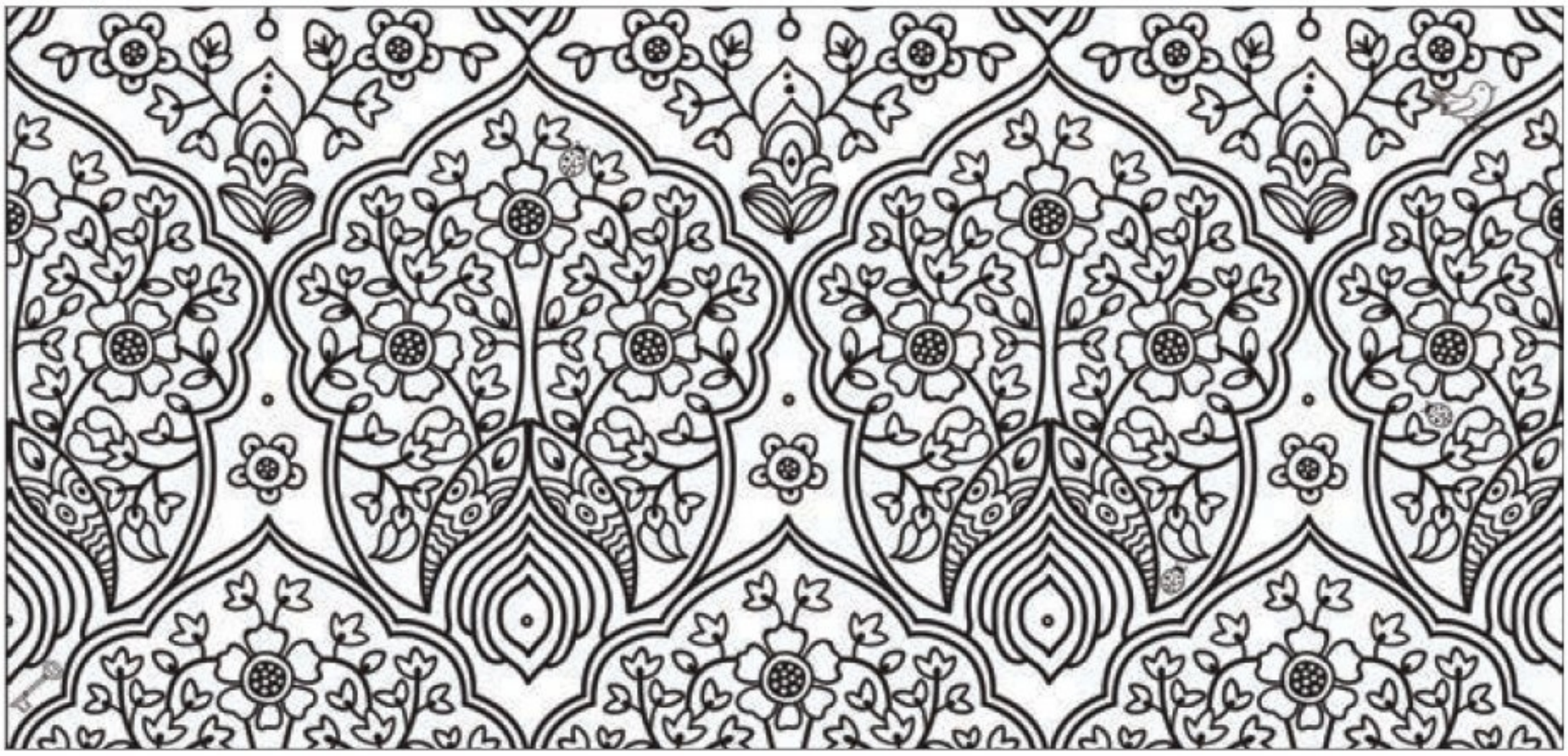

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Aries Make the most of your day. Get personal matters in order and tidy up unfinished business. Don't let an emotional incident lead to an avoidable conflict.

Taurus If you look for opportunity, you will find it. It's up to you to make things happen and to speak up if you want something. Share your thoughts and feelings.

Gemini Nothing will stand in your way if you are honest about what you want. A couple of personal changes will help improve an important partnership.

Cancer Don't get caught up in someone else's emotional problems. Put your time and effort into a project that highlights your skills and attributes. Be affectionate and supportive.

Leo Get serious about who you are and who you want to be. You can make positive changes if you recognize what you really want to accomplish. Don't be afraid to go it alone.

Virgo Enjoy spending time with people you don't often get to see. A move in a creative direction will tempt you. Fond memories will prompt you to get in touch with old friends.

Libra Embrace new possibilities instead of walking away from the change they will bring. It's time to let go of whatever isn't working for you so that you can make positive gains.

Scorpio Work alone if it makes more sense to you. The aim is to raise your profile by taking credit for a job well done. For once, put your needs first.

Sagittarius Don't blurt out what you want or how you feel. Diplomacy is encouraged if you want to avoid opposition. Keep your plans simple and practical.

Capricorn Home improvements may cause emotional duress, but in the end they will bring you great joy. A romantic relationship will prosper due to the personal changes you make.

Aquarius You will impress people with your enthusiasm if you concentrate on getting things done, instead of complaining about what remains to be accomplished.

Pisces Visit someone you like or a place that inspires you. Communication and action will bring the results you are looking for. Romance will improve your life. **EUGENIA LAST**

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